The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part. He had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen and a thousand donkeys. And he also had seven sons and three daughters...Job lived a hundred and forty years; he saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. And so Job died, an old man and full of years. 

There are three things you need to know.

There are two stories going on in your life - an Upper Story and a Lower Story.

In your Lower Story, you are trying to make the best decisions you can, but you, like Job and the other characters in the Bible, can’t see around the bend in the road. And you can’t control what’s around the bend, no matter how hard you try. What should you do? Do what Job did; look up to see what God is up to.

The goal is to align our story to God’s Story.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

Whose life do you want to align your life to? Yours? Or God’s?

Paraphrase: “God, I want to align my life in the Lower Story to your will in the Upper Story. Whatever is your will in the heavens, I want to be my will here on earth.” This is the secret to a successful life as designed by God.

Paul goes on to turn this issue of aligning your life to God’s Upper Story into a very important promise: “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.” Romans 8:28 NIV

If we will align our story to God’s story, He promises it will be a good story.

God’s promise has two conditions; look at the passage again. God works for the good of those who...

1) love God. We must love God. This means He has to have utmost importance in our lives.
2) are called according to His purpose. We must align our lives to His Upper Story purposes.

Christians in North America always want to hear the first part, where God’s going to make it good for us. But sometimes, we ignore the conditions.

You have to make prayer and consistently reading the Bible an important part of your life. You have to proactively seek His will for your life daily, not just when you are in crisis. If we aren’t praying now, if we say “reading is so hard for me,” then this promise of God does not apply to your life! Being involved in His church must be essential in your life, not optional. Attending church 1.5 times a month, which is the national average for church goers, isn’t a sign of taking Him seriously. If you are not engaging in community with other believers, you are essentially saying to God, “I don’t need you to write a good story for my life.” (Continued page 2)
This promise is not applied to you, and you will be left with the consequences of the decisions you have made on your own.

If you are not serving somewhere to help others, to build God’s kingdom, but your calendar is consumed with meeting your own needs and wants, you can’t shake your fist at God when things don’t come together to make something good for you.

But if you will take God seriously and align your life to His will, His Story, he will take every story in your life, even the ones where your family threw you under the bus, or cancer, or a stroke, or getting fired, or being handicapped and He will weave it and tell a beautiful story with your life. How is this possible? He gives you his Word. He has never gone back on his Word. As we journey through the Scriptures, you are going to see it over and over again. I am going to offer that up to you as evidence that what He did for them, He can do for you.

Worship Schedule
Sunday at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Children’s Church at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School all ages at 9:15 a.m.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPPORTUNITY Class: There were six members present Sunday – two daily readers and three with Bible. The class were guests of the SOS Class today. Continued prayers requested for Clarann Kempnich, Nelda Potter, Opal Meyers, Jeanine Glidewell, Ruth Allen and our leaders of the Country. Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer followed by leading the lesson, “Everlasting Covenant” taken from Isaiah 61. The class closed with prayer.

SOS Class: There were seventeen members present Sunday eight daily readers and fourteen with Bibles. Prayers requested for Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, Nelda Potter, CB & Cheryl Harris, Ruth Allen and Ruby Schuster. Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer followed by leading the lesson “In Jesus’ Name.” The class closed with prayer. Next week will be Lesson 9 then will start “The Story,” on October 9.
My Prayer for You: I pray for health and healing for you. May God heal any sickness you have, physical, mental, or spiritual. And may He give you good health, energy, and joy today!

Our Church Families


Requested Prayers: Ruth Allen, Twyla Duryea, Ruby Schuster, Steve Watkins, Deb Worthington

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers

Guest Home Estate - 806 West 4th Ave: Vernon & Goldie Hunt, Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young

Golden Heights - 101 North Pine: Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Max Ratliff, Marcene Jasper, Jerry Gettler, Sr.

Residential Living Center - PO Box 407: Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams)

ORV West - 1527 S Twyman - Ottawa, 66067: Ralph Hamilton (father of Leroy)

Comfort Care Home - 27 E Rockwood Dr - Ottawa, KS 66067: Birdie Zentner

Cimarron Nursing - 905 Beall Road - Kingfisher, OK 73750: Lois Miller

Our Military, Veterans & Troops

South Korea: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt - & nephew of Marcia Spring

Baghdad, Iraq: B J Moody - Grandson of Janice Tush

Air Force: Tim Greening, grandson of Twyla Duryea

Our Extended Family & Friend

*Long Term: *New Building Construction, * Shannon Garber, *Nick Galey (requested by Nancy Horn), *All her family, (request by Wilma McIntosh), *Parker Monhollon (requested by Sandra Hamilton), *Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), *Luke Rockers (son of Jody Cole), * Clarann Kempnich (request by Mary Hamilton), *Wayne Axtell (request by Nancy Horn); *the leaders of our country & *our veterans and troops and God Bless America!

September 25 – Week 1: Kathy (Lindsay) Nelson (cousin of Rosemary Turner)

September 18 – Week 2: Doug Walsh (brother in law of Doug Linder); Kathy Jo Thompson (niece of Deci Amba Morgan); John Hermreck, Becky Roush and Sheryl Urquhart (all requested by Carol Hermreck or Carolyn Schuster)

September 11 – Week 3: Clara Rockers (Rosemary Turner); Lena Frankenfelt (Gina McLeod); Nancy Lake (cousin of Gayla Corley); Margaret Teter (cousin of Gayla Corley);

Note: If you wish continued prayers please note that after weeks 3 your prayer request will be removed unless you write it on Sunday flap or by email. Thank you!

THANK YOU! May the Lord repay you for what you have done. May you be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. Ruth 2:12

To the First Christian Church, We wish to thank you for the beautiful plant that was sent for Jerry’s funeral. Jerry sure enjoyed the Wednesday Night Church Dinner. Thanks for being so kind. The family of Jerry L. Umbarger
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Legacy - Fellowship Hall - 5:00 / 7:00 p.m.
Contact Brett Hartman - 620-215-1524

Monday Christian Woodworkers
Darwin Hamilton’s workshop - 1:30 p.m.
Contact Darwin Hamilton - 785-448-6526

Tuesday Prayer Group - Annex - 6:30 p.m.
Contact Charlotte Cox - 785-448-3018

Thursday Christian Crafters - Annex - 10:00 a.m.
Contact Connie Meyer - 913-919-7164

Sat. Men’s Breakfast - Fellowship Hall - 7:00 a.m.
Contact Burke Rogers - 448-5987

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MONTHLY EVENTS

FCC Committees Schedule
- Finance Committee – 1st Sunday
- Elder/Board Meeting: 1st Sunday
- Pastoring Committee: 2nd Sunday
- Education Committee: 3rd Sunday
- Worship Committee: ~ 4th Sunday

FCC Care Team - 3rd Thursday (October 20)
Fellowship Hall - 7:00 p.m. Contact Doug Meyer

Emergency Food Assistance 4th Thursday (Oct 22)
4:00 p.m. Anderson County Quonset Hut

REMINDERS
Serving us October 2, 2016

October Deacons:
Dan Roberts, Dan Kasprzak, Jeff Finn,
Mike Zentner, Ron Anderegg, Earl Peine

October Communion Preparation:

Communion Elder: Steve Spring
Offertory Elder: Burke Rogers

Deacon Usher: Cody Clark
Communion to Shut Ins:
Elder: Gene Watson
Deacon: Nathan Wiehl

Audio/Visual 8:00 a.m.:
Ruth Peine / Cheryl Varvel
Pianist / Organist 8:00 a.m.:
Nancy Horn, Vicki Hulett
Pianist 10:30 a.m.: Doris Wilson
Song Leader: Burke Rogers

Audio/Visual 10:30 a.m.:
Jonathan Born / Jenna Wight

Greeter(s):
West Doors: Milt & Shirley Greiner
East Door: Gary & Cathy Hoke

COME AS GUESTS ~ LEAVE AS FRIENDS...Our Prayer for You... May you have a beautiful day! May you share love & laughter, with family and friends and May the Lord be present to keep you safe.

WELCOME TO FCC: Lane Damron & Lelia Damron guests of Kimmie Damron, Mackenzie Sanchez grandmother of Lisa Modlin, Sophia guest Breanna Finn, Sabrina Choma granddaughter of Charles and Becky Allen, Levi Reynolds & Hannah Paige guest of Jon & Lena Adams and Dagon Velvick grandson of Jay & Barbi Velvick

CONGRATULATIONS! We are so pleased to share with you all that we have two new members in our family! Sunday September 25 at the 10:30am service we heard a confession of faith by Anita New. We are so pleased to have you in the family! We were blessed also to have her daughter Kimmie come forward to confess her faith followed by Baptism by Pastor Brett Hartman. Praises! Please remember to pray for Anita and Kimmie as they begin to serve with our congregation and as a new believer in Christ.

The address of Anita New and Kimmie Damron is:
PO Box 56 ~ Garnett, KS ~ 66032
Hey, Everybody… it’s…
“Thoughts from BRETT”

Hey everybody! Couple of announcements I need to throw your way.
Firstly, “Light the Night” will be Halloween night, Monday, October 31st here at FCC starting at 6 pm. We are still needing volunteers to decorate their trunks (or truck beds) and fill with candy for the hordes of kiddos going to come our way!
Secondly, “See You at the Pole” is September 28, starting at 7 am. The theme is “We Cry Out!”

Hope to see all our students there lifting up their school and our nation as one voice!
Here’s a thought from last night’s Legacy. If we are going to be WIRED to God we have to have a good starting point. That starting point is noticing and understanding our identity in Christ! If we don’t have a good starting point, it’s hard to get connected to God. Our society has many different messages as to what our identity should be, but the only place where we should get our identity is from Christ Jesus. You are loved, you are cherished, you are called sons and daughters of God the Father, you are brothers and sisters to Christ, you are more than conquerors, you are a new creation…. You Are Saved! No matter where you go this week through the highs and lows of life never forget this!
Congratulations Kimmie Damron on her baptism Sunday.

WEEK (7) seven OF CONSTRUCTION

Garnett Life Chain 2016…The National Life Chain is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world. More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday October 2nd from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. First Christian Church will be participating in the Garnett Life Chain on Hwy 59 (Maple St). More information will be in next week’s newsletter. Please see http://LifeChain.Net for more information.

Community Blood Drive will be in Garnett
Tuesday, October 11
~ First United Methodist Basement ~ 205 South Oak ~ 11:30 am – 4:30 am.
FCC FAMILY FUN WEEKEND AT NORTH LAKE
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 30 ~ OCTOBER 2

Friday Evening: Relax and sit around a fire visiting and telling stories, eating marshmallows and S’more’s! Bring out any yard games...yard darts, ball tennis, horse shoes etc. to play in the evening and Saturday.

Saturday Evening: The evening meal begins at 5:30 p.m. FCC will provide pork meat (of a whole hog), buns, tableware and drinks. If your last name begins with A - M, bring a side dish and if your last name begins with N – Z, please bring a dessert. Note (1): Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs to sit in and blankets in case of cold weather. Note (2): Following the meal Brett Hartman is working on some entertainment.

Worship Service Schedule for Sunday Services at FCC
- Chris Goetz will lead both 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Worship Services at FCC
- Sunday School for children will be held at FCC led by Gayla Corley at 9:15 am in the Annex
- Adult Sunday Schools (Opportunity, SOS, Overcomers and New Creations Class)
- Children’s Church will be led by Gayla Corley at the Annex

Worship Service for Sunday Services at North Lake
- Brett Hartman will lead Worship Services beginning around 10:30 a.m.
- Communion and Offering will be served during worship service.
- Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs.
- Sunday School for K - Adults at the North Lake will be led by Brett Hartman
- The Great Expectations Class will meet at Dan & Marsha Dulin’s camper for a breakfast followed by a short devotion.

BEGINNING SUNDAY OCTOBER 9 - “THE STORY!” It is our desire that FCC as a whole will get involved during this time and see what our great God can do through us as we pursue Him! We have the commitment and book order form available now and through the whole story series. The commitment FCC Leaders are asking for these 31 Weeks:
1) We hope the FCC family will commit to PRIORITIZING CHURCH over our busy lives.
2) We hope you will consider getting “PLUGGED IN” to a Sunday School or Evening Life Group.
3) Finding a “PLACE TO SERVE” in the FCC family.

The Great Expectations Class will gather Sun. Oct. 2 at Dan & Marsha Dulin’s camper at the all church campout at the North Lake for Sunday School. We will have a social time of eating biscuits and gravy and fruit followed by a short devotion time. The Meyers will provide sausage for the gravy and Dulins will make gravy. If anyone would like to bring some fresh fruit, orange juice or bake some biscuits contact Marsha by cell phone: 785-448-4367 or office 785-448-3452 or email marsha@fccgarnett.org. Please bring your chairs and possible lap throw (chilly). Brett Hartman will lead the services around 10:30 am following Sunday School services.
RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER FOR THE MEDICAL MISSION TEAM

If you have any items that you would like to donate to the Medical Mission Team Haiti for their “Rummage Sale” on Sat., Oct. 8 they would greatly appreciate them.

“Please No Clothes and No Shoes.”

The Rummage Sale will be held at the Auburn Corporate Office at 259 West Park Road. If you have any items, please contact Doug Meyer or call the Auburn Corporate Office at 785-448-3600.

SERVING GOD ONE MEAL AT A TIME!

We have a ministry within our church that provides meals for families or individuals when they are recovering from illness or a tragedy. This has been in place for several years and due to some aging volunteers desperately needs to be updated. It simply requires you to cook a meal for those in need at the time. Our church family is awesome and we appreciate your help in all we do. A signup sheet will be passed around Sunday at Church or you may call Cathy Hoke at 785-204-2758 to add your name to this list of volunteers. Thank you Cathy Hoke

NEWLY VOTED ELDERS, DEACONS and TRUSTEE

Congratulations to those who were elected! Please keep these newly elected as well as all the Elders, Deacons and officers of the church in your prayers as they serve the Lord and guide us in His ways. Those elected were:

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Write Ins:
Bill Ratliff (1), Tarry Miller (2) & Chet Friend (1)

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Saturday, October 1  Wilma McIntosh
Monday, October 3   Carmen Powls
Wednesday, Oct. 5   Linda Benjamin, Velva Wilson
Friday, Oct. 7      Shirley Modlin
Saturday, Oct. 8    Shelby Hurt
Tuesday, Oct. 11    Charlotte Cox
Wednesday, Oct. 12  Marcene Jasper, Ruth Gorrell
Thursday, Oct. 13   Ken McMillan
Friday, Oct. 14     Kevin Lewis, Gail Watson, Collin Corley
Sunday, Oct. 16     Bethany Powls
Monday, October 17  Benjamin Wiehl
Wednesday, Oct. 19  Doris Wilson, Jonathan Born
Thursday, Oct. 20   Marissa Friend
Saturday Oct. 22    Dan Hiestand, Olivia Mundy
Wednesday, Oct. 26  Eileen Burns, Emily Adams
Saturday, Oct. 29   Carl Ulses

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 9, 2010
Nathan & Nicole Wiehl
October 12, 1962
Howard & Donna Williams
October 12, 2013
Dane & Holly Byerley
October 20, 1956
Jim & Charlotte Cox
October 30, 2005
Jim and Betty Jasper
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ELDERS
Roger Adams: 448-8172
Doug Meyer: 913-909-7680
Larry Varvel: 448-5794

Ron Jenkins: 204-1590
Burke Rogers: 448-5987
Gene Watson: 408-205-3635

*Kevin Lewis: 204-2257
Steve Spring: 448-2491

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Ron Anderegg: 448-6366
Craig Cole: 448-4504
*Greg Gwin: 229-5105
Jason Miller: 448-7110
Danny Roberts: 448-8499
Mike Zentner: 204-1105

Mike Burns: 448-4603
Dan Dulin: 204-1185
Leroy Hamilton: 204-2162
Earl Peine: 448-6186
Jason Sjorlund: 448-7660

Cody Clark: 448-8093
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Dan Kasprzak: 489-2513
Bill Ratliff: 248-3854
Nathan Wiehl: 204-2178

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